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## Technical Notes

The *Arkansas Labor Market* is prepared monthly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The current month's estimates are preliminary, while previous month's data is subject to revision.

Estimates of nonfarm payroll jobs show the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Hours and earnings estimates are based on payroll and worker-hour data collected for production workers in manufacturing industries.

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). All estimates are based on a first quarter 2020 benchmark.

### Explanation of Terms and Concepts

#### Monthly Business

#### Survey of Employers

A monthly sample survey designed to provide industry information on nonfarm payroll jobs. Data are compiled each month from mail surveys and telephone interviews conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with Department of Workforce Services. The data are based on establishment records and include all workers, full- or part-time, who received pay during the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. Approximately

5,000 Arkansas business establishments are surveyed.

#### Metropolitan

#### Statistical Areas

A term applied by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to counties that have one or more central cities and that meet specified criteria of population density, commuting patterns and social and economic integration.

#### Current Population

#### Survey (CPS)

A monthly sample survey of the population 16 years of age and over, designed to provide data on the labor force, the employed and the unemployed. The survey is conducted each month by the Bureau of the Census for BLS. The information is collected by trained interviewers from a sample of about 60,000 households. The data collected are based on the activity reported for the calendar week including the 12th of the month. Approximately 1,000 Arkansas households are represented in the sample survey.

#### Civilian Labor Force

The sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older. Members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

#### Employment

An estimate of the number of persons who worked any time

for pay or profit or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month. Also included are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#### Unemployment

An estimate of the number of persons who did not have a job, but were available for work and actively seeking work during the calendar week which includes the 12th of the month.

#### Unemployment

#### Rate

The number of unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Unemployment rates are calculated from unrounded data.

#### Seasonal

#### Adjustment

A statistical technique applied to monthly data to eliminate changes that normally occur during the year due to seasonal events such as weather, major holidays, schedule shifts, harvest times, and the opening/closing of schools.



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**August Spotlight**

**Business Employment Dynamics (BED)**

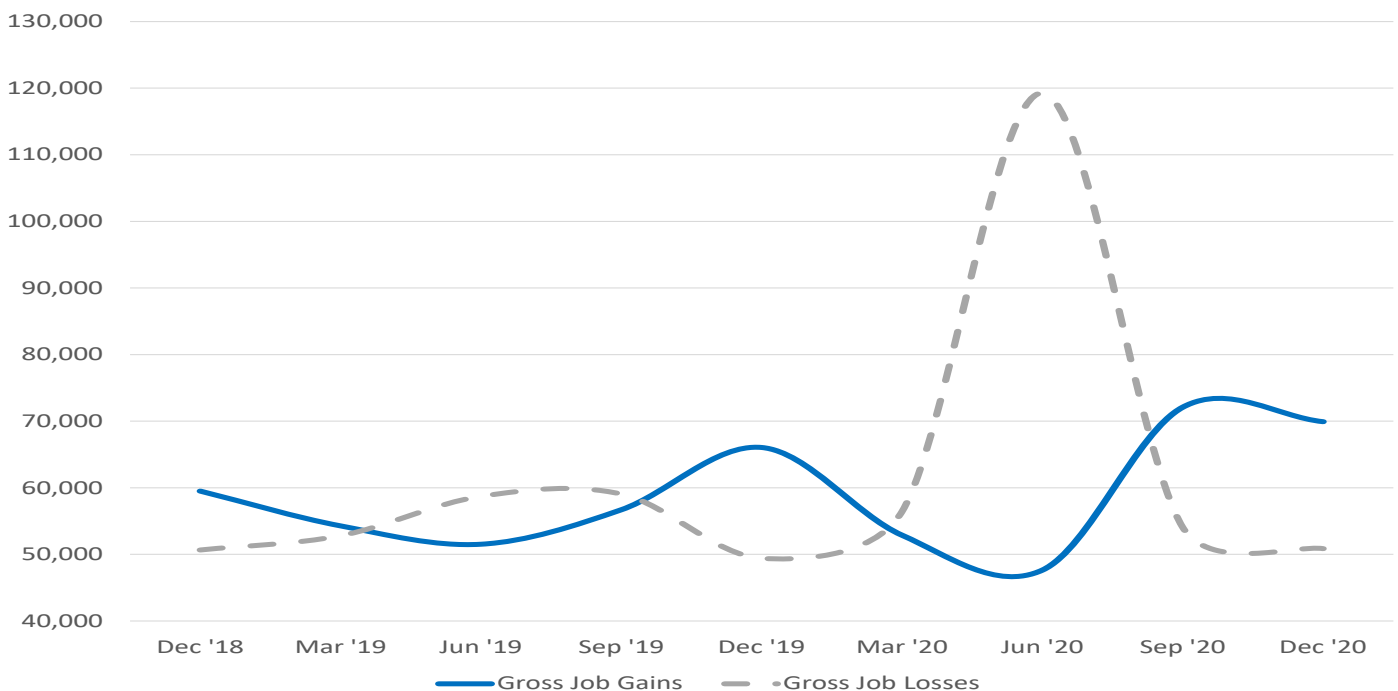
Business Employment Dynamics, also known as BED, tracks employment gains and losses at individual business locations. BED statistics are calculated from quarterly reports provided by employers to the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program. Like QCEW data, BED statistics are produced and published on a quarterly basis. At this time, BED data is only available at the national and statewide levels.

<b>Gross Job Gains and Losses by Quarter (Private Sector)</b>					
State of Arkansas (Seasonally Adjusted)					
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Quarter Ending					
Category	Dec 19	Mar 20	Jun 20	Sep 20	Dec 20*
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Employment Levels					
Gross job gains.....	66,058	52,888	47,653	72,104	69,930
Gross job losses.....	49,413	56,439	119,256	54,052	50,864
<b>Net Change.....</b>	<b>16,645</b>	<b>-3,551</b>	<b>-71,603</b>	<b>18,052</b>	<b>19,066</b>

\*Most recent BED data available is for 4th Quarter 2020

The information produced from BED statistics includes gross job gains and losses at establishments with changes in employment. These employment changes occur when establishments open/expand or close/contract. Gross job gains are a combination of jobs created from both openings of new businesses and expansions at existing businesses. Gross job losses are a combination of jobs lost from both existing businesses that close and those that reduce their number of employees. The net change is the difference between gross job gains and gross job losses.

**Arkansas' Gross Job Gains vs. Gross Job Losses (Private Sector/Seasonally Adjusted)**  
4th Quarter 2018 - 4th Quarter 2020



## State of Arkansas Civilian Labor Force Summary

Labor force data, produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services, show Arkansas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point, from 4.3 percent in July to 4.2 percent in August. Arkansas' civilian labor force rose 1,651, a result of 3,412 more employed and 1,761 fewer unemployed Arkansans. At 5.2 percent, the United States' jobless rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point in August.

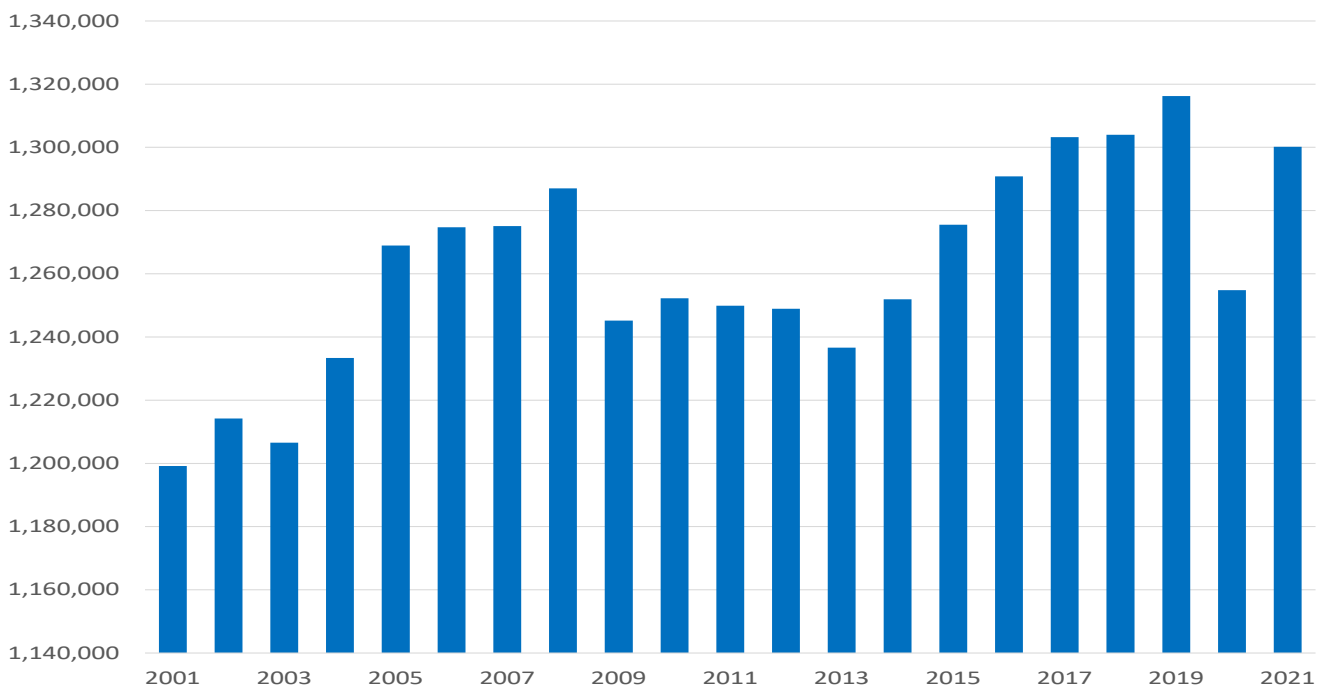
BLS Program Operations Manager Susan Price said, "At 4.2 percent, Arkansas' unemployment rate declined for the second consecutive month. There are 3,412 more employed Arkansans than last month and 45,354 more employed compared to August 2020."

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Seasonally Adjusted				Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Aug 21	Jul 21	Aug 20		Aug 21	Jul 21	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	1,357,389	1,355,738	1,341,356	Civilian Labor Force	1,357,858	1,369,922	1,347,895
Employment	1,300,179	1,296,767	1,254,825	Employment	1,306,344	1,306,924	1,263,284
Unemployment	57,210	58,971	86,531	Unemployment	51,514	62,998	84,611
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	6.5	Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.6	6.3
U.S. Unemployment	5.2	5.4	8.4	U.S. Unemployment	5.3	5.7	8.5

### Employment (Seasonally Adjusted)

August: 2001 - 2021



**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

Not Seasonally Adjusted

(In Thousands)

(NAICS)	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	1259.2	1257.2	1226.9	2.0	32.3
Goods Producing	217.8	220.0	212.1	-2.2	5.7
Mining, Logging, & Construction	57.8	58.3	59.1	-0.5	-1.3
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Specialty Trade Contractors	33.1	33.2	34.1	-0.1	-1.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>161.7</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Durable Goods	82.1	82.8	71.6	-0.7	10.5
Nondurable Goods	77.9	78.9	81.4	-1.0	-3.5
Service Providing	1041.4	1037.2	1014.8	4.2	26.6
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>250.1</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Wholesale Trade	46.2	46.8	45.9	-0.6	0.3
Retail Trade	138.5	138.1	136.9	0.4	1.6
Transport, Warehousing & Utilities	65.4	65.7	64.6	-0.3	0.8
<b>Information</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Finance & Insurance	52.3	53.2	50.2	-0.9	2.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	13.8	13.8	13.7	0.0	0.1
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>146.9</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical	43.2	43.5	42.0	-0.3	1.2
Management of Companies	34.8	34.5	32.9	0.3	1.9
Administrative & Support Services	69.8	68.9	60.4	0.9	9.4
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>188.2</b>	<b>186.5</b>	<b>183.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Educational Services	14.4	14.2	12.7	0.2	1.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	173.8	172.3	171.0	1.5	2.8
Ambulatory Health Care	61.1	60.4	59.1	0.7	2.0
Social Assistance	36.7	35.9	36.6	0.8	0.1
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13.4	14.0	10.6	-0.6	2.8
Accommodation & Food Services	103.3	101.7	97.1	1.6	6.2
Accommodation Services	10.3	10.5	9.4	-0.2	0.9
Food Services	93.0	91.2	87.7	1.8	5.3
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>193.4</b>	<b>190.4</b>	<b>200.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
Federal Government	20.5	20.6	24.1	-0.1	-3.6
State Government	73.3	71.6	73.0	1.7	0.3
State Gov, Educational Services	26.7	25.0	25.8	1.7	0.9
State Gov, Excluding Education	46.6	46.6	47.2	0.0	-0.6
Local Government	99.6	98.2	103.6	1.4	-4.0
Local Gov, Educational Services	55.6	53.5	60.2	2.1	-4.6
Local Gov, Excluding Education	44.0	44.7	43.4	-0.7	0.6

**State of Arkansas  
Nonfarm Payroll Job Summary**

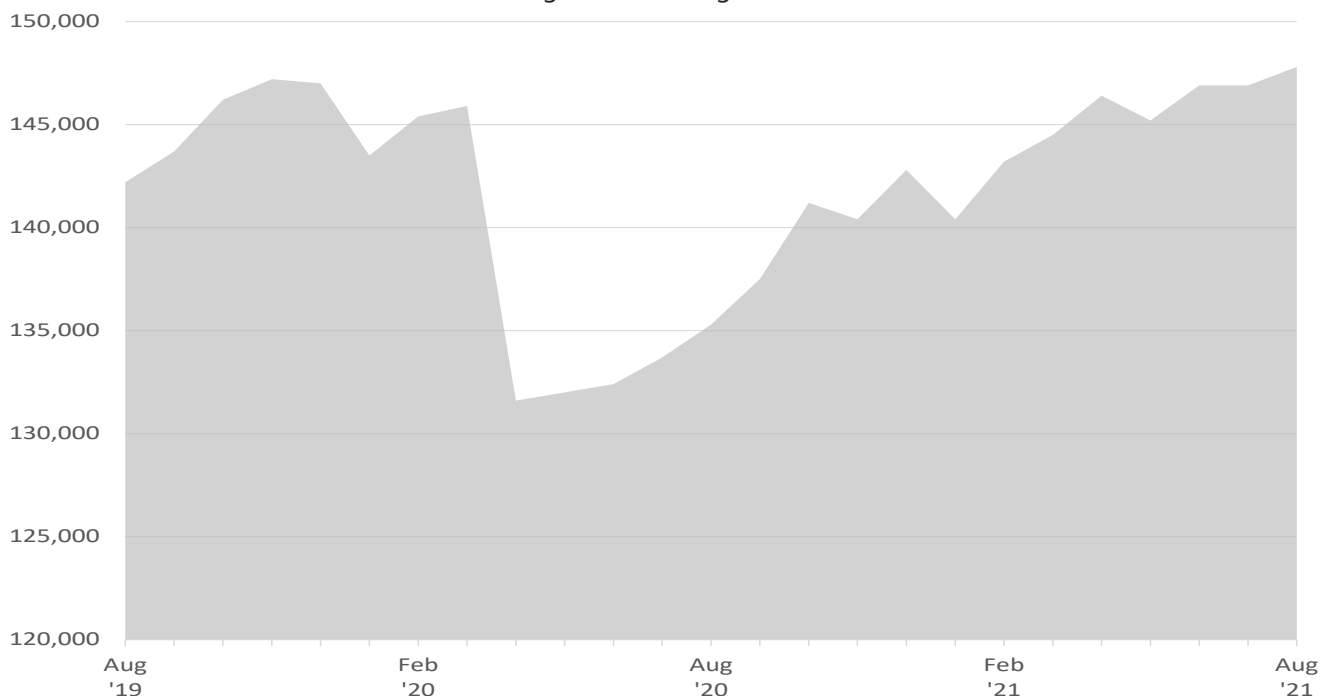
**July 2021 - August 2021**

Arkansas' nonfarm payroll jobs rose 2,000 in August to total 1,259,200. Six major industry sectors posted gains, while five sectors reported job losses. **Government** posted the largest increase, adding 3,000 jobs. All expansions were in local government-educational services (+2,100) and state government-educational services (+1,700), related to the start of the 2021-2022 public school year. **Educational and health services** added 1,700 jobs, mostly in health care and social assistance (+1,500). Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** rose 1,000. Hiring in accommodation and food services (+1,600) more than offset seasonal contractions in arts, entertainment, and recreation (-600). **Manufacturing** declined 1,700. Losses occurred in both nondurable (-1,000) and durable (-700) goods manufacturing. Jobs in **other services** decreased 1,100. The sector includes activities such as commercial machinery repair, dry cleaning services, and civic organizations.

**August 2020 - August 2021**

Compared to August 2020, nonfarm payroll jobs in Arkansas are up 32,300. Nine major industry sectors posted growth, with six sectors adding 2,200 or more jobs, each. **Professional and business services** rose 12,500. A majority of the expansion was in administrative and support services (+9,400), a sub-sector which includes employment agencies. Jobs in **leisure and hospitality** increased 9,000, mostly in accommodation and food services (+6,200). **Manufacturing** added 7,000 jobs. Hiring in durable goods (+10,500) were offset by contractions in nondurable goods (-3,500) manufacturing. Jobs in **educational and health services** rose 4,500, spread across all subsectors. Other notable gains were posted in **trade-transportation-utilities** (+2,700) and in **financial services** (+2,200). **Government** reported the largest over-the-year decline, down 7,300. The greatest loss was reported in local government-educational services (-4,600).

**Jobs in Professional and Business Services (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**  
August 2019 - August 2021





**State of Arkansas  
Production Workers- Hours and Earnings**

**Manufacturing**

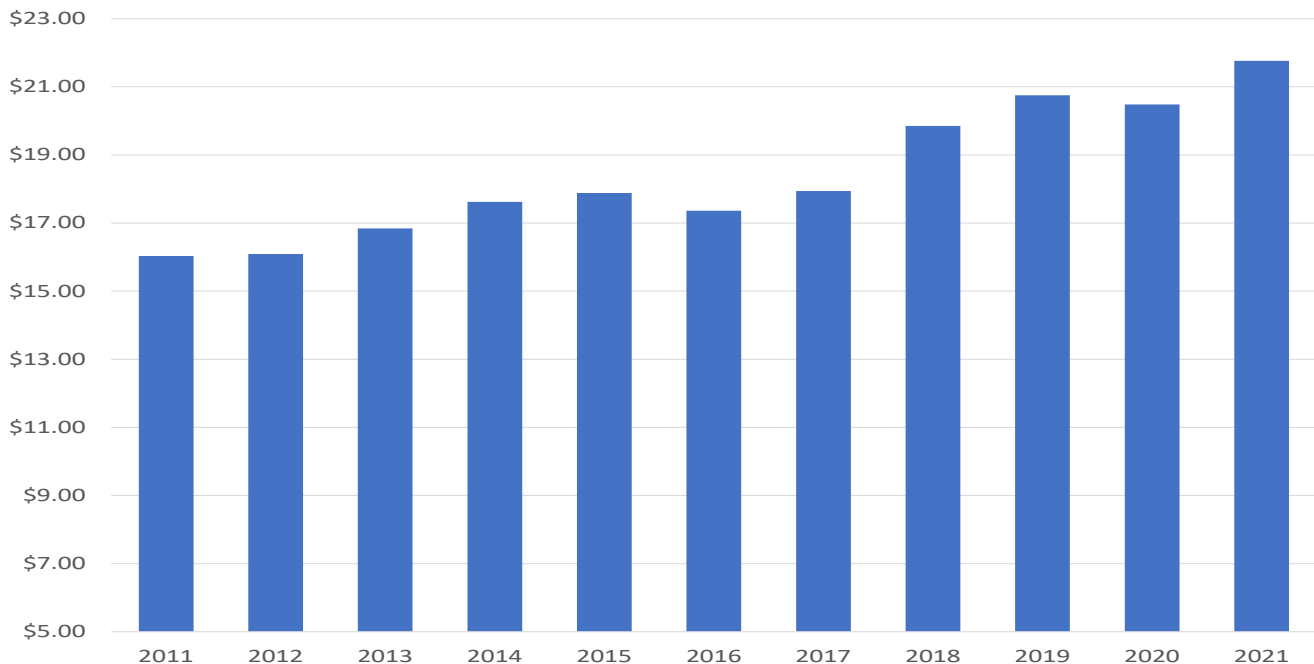
	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.6	40.8	38.0
Average Hourly Earnings	20.35	20.10	18.52
Average Weekly Earnings	826.21	820.08	703.76

**Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods Manufacturing**

Durable Goods Manufacturing				Nondurable Goods Manufacturing			
	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>		<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>
Average Weekly Hours	40.0	40.0	37.2	Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.6	38.7
Average Hourly Earnings	21.76	21.63	20.48	Average Hourly Earnings	18.92	18.55	16.89
Average Weekly Earnings	870.40	865.20	761.86	Average Weekly Earnings	781.40	771.68	653.64

**Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Manufacturing (Production Workers)**

August: 2011 - 2021



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA

The Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway MSA = Faulkner, Grant, Lonoke, Perry, Pulaski, & Saline counties.

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

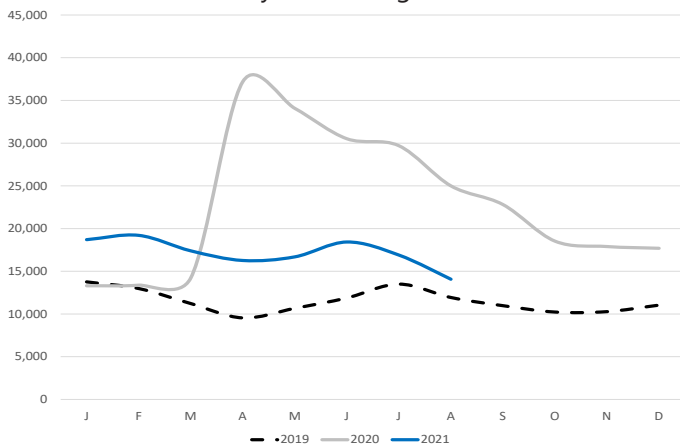
	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	352,036	359,951	353,922	-7,915	-1,886
Employment	337,962	343,046	328,919	-5,084	9,043
Unemployment	14,074	16,905	25,003	-2,831	-10,929
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.7	7.1	-0.7	-3.1

### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

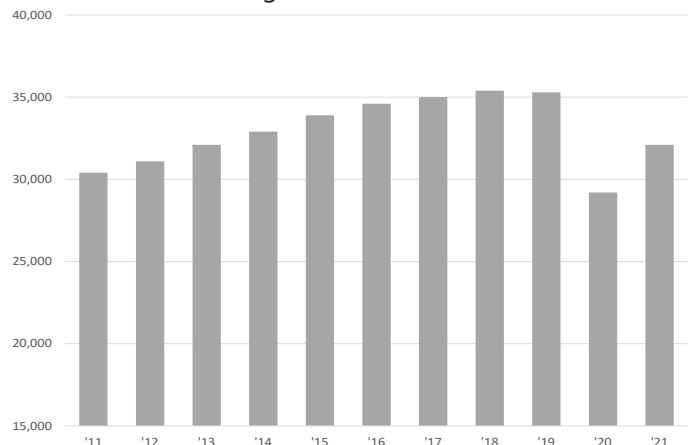
(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	352.6	352.5	344.2	0.1	8.4
Goods Producing	36.7	37.0	36.7	-0.3	0.0
Mining, Logging & Construction	17.7	17.9	17.8	-0.2	-0.1
Manufacturing	19.0	19.1	18.9	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	315.9	315.5	307.5	0.4	8.4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	68.0	68.3	68.3	-0.3	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	15.3	15.3	15.1	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	36.9	37.1	37.2	-0.2	-0.3
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	15.8	15.9	16.0	-0.1	-0.2
Information	5.3	5.3	5.2	0.0	0.1
Financial Activities	23.3	23.6	22.1	-0.3	1.2
Professional & Business Services	44.2	44.8	42.8	-0.6	1.4
Educational & Health Services	59.4	58.4	56.3	1.0	3.1
Leisure & Hospitality	32.1	32.3	29.2	-0.2	2.9
Other Services	18.5	18.6	17.7	-0.1	0.8
Government	65.1	64.2	65.9	0.9	-0.8
Federal Government	9.8	9.7	10.5	0.1	-0.7
State Government	33.3	32.7	33.2	0.6	0.1
Local Government	22.0	21.8	22.2	0.2	-0.2

**Number of Unemployed**  
January 2019 - August 2021



**Jobs in Leisure and Hospitality**  
August: 2011 - 2021





**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA**

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA = Benton, Madison, & Washington counties in Arkansas and McDonald county in Missouri.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

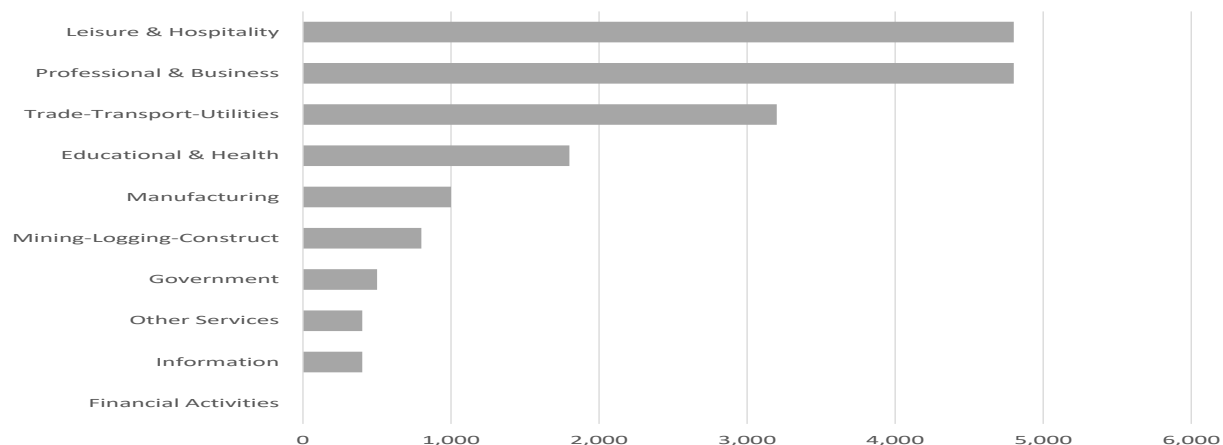
	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	295,155	298,063	281,939	-2,908	13,216
Employment	287,302	288,504	268,389	-1,202	18,913
Unemployment	7,853	9,559	13,550	-1,706	-5,697
Unemployment Rate	2.7	3.2	4.8	-0.5	-2.1

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	275.1	272.2	257.4	2.9	17.7
Goods Producing	45.5	45.6	43.7	-0.1	1.8
Mining, Logging & Construction	14.0	14.0	13.2	0.0	0.8
Manufacturing	31.5	31.6	30.5	-0.1	1.0
Service Providing	229.6	226.6	213.7	3.0	15.9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	59.4	58.9	56.2	0.5	3.2
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.0	0.0	0.5
Retail Trade	28.5	28.0	26.3	0.5	2.2
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	18.4	18.4	17.9	0.0	0.5
Information	2.2	2.2	1.8	0.0	0.4
Financial Activities	8.7	8.8	8.7	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	54.2	53.7	49.4	0.5	4.8
Educational & Health Services	30.8	30.8	29.0	0.0	1.8
Leisure & Hospitality	28.3	27.3	23.5	1.0	4.8
Other Services	10.0	10.0	9.6	0.0	0.4
Government	36.0	34.9	35.5	1.1	0.5
Federal Government	2.9	2.9	3.5	0.0	-0.6
State Government	15.1	14.2	14.2	0.9	0.9
Local Government	18.0	17.8	17.8	0.2	0.2

**Over-the-Year Job Change by Industry Sector  
August 2020 vs August 2021**



### Metropolitan Statistical Areas Fort Smith MSA

The Fort Smith MSA = Crawford & Sebastian counties in Arkansas & LeFlore & Sequoyah counties in Oklahoma.

#### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	118,669	119,956	118,171	-1,287	498
Employment	114,664	115,263	111,054	-599	3,610
Unemployment	4,005	4,693	7,117	-688	-3,112
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.9	6.0	-0.5	-2.6

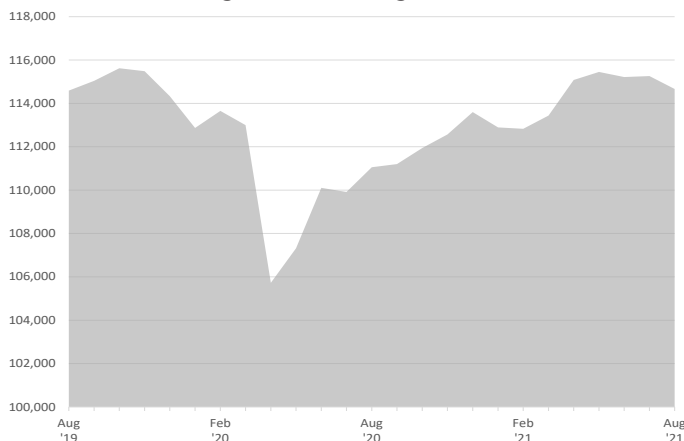
#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	110.5	109.6	108.1	0.9	2.4
Goods Producing	22.6	22.7	21.9	-0.1	0.7
Mining, Logging & Construction	5.8	5.8	5.4	0.0	0.4
Manufacturing	16.8	16.9	16.5	-0.1	0.3
Service Providing	87.9	86.9	86.2	1.0	1.7
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	23.6	23.5	23.1	0.1	0.5
Wholesale Trade	4.8	4.6	4.1	0.2	0.7
Retail Trade	11.8	11.9	12.5	-0.1	-0.7
Trans., Warehousing & Utilities	7.0	7.0	6.5	0.0	0.5
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	3.7	3.8	3.7	-0.1	0.0
Professional & Business Services	12.1	12.5	11.3	-0.4	0.8
Educational & Health Services	16.8	16.7	16.3	0.1	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	9.6	9.4	8.9	0.2	0.7
Other Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	16.3	15.2	17.3	1.1	-1.0
Federal Government	1.3	1.3	1.6	0.0	-0.3
State Government	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.0	-0.3
Local Government	12.6	11.5	13.0	1.1	-0.4

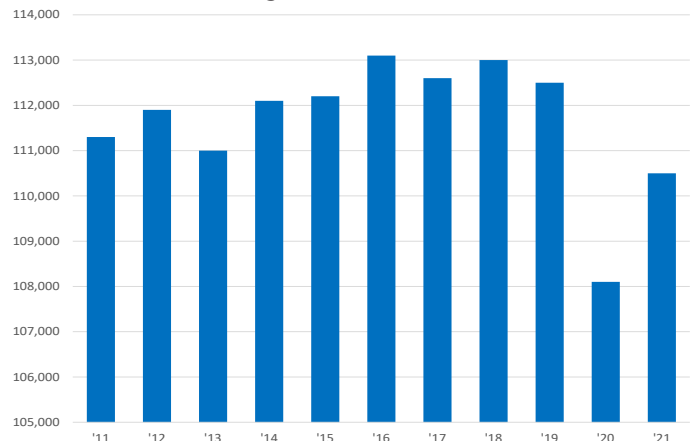
#### Employment

August 2019 - August 2021



#### Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

August: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Hot Springs MSA**

The Hot Springs MSA = Garland County.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	41,406	42,768	41,997	-1,362	-591
Employment	39,552	40,452	38,353	-900	1,199
Unemployment	1,854	2,316	3,644	-462	-1,790
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.4	8.7	-0.9	-4.2

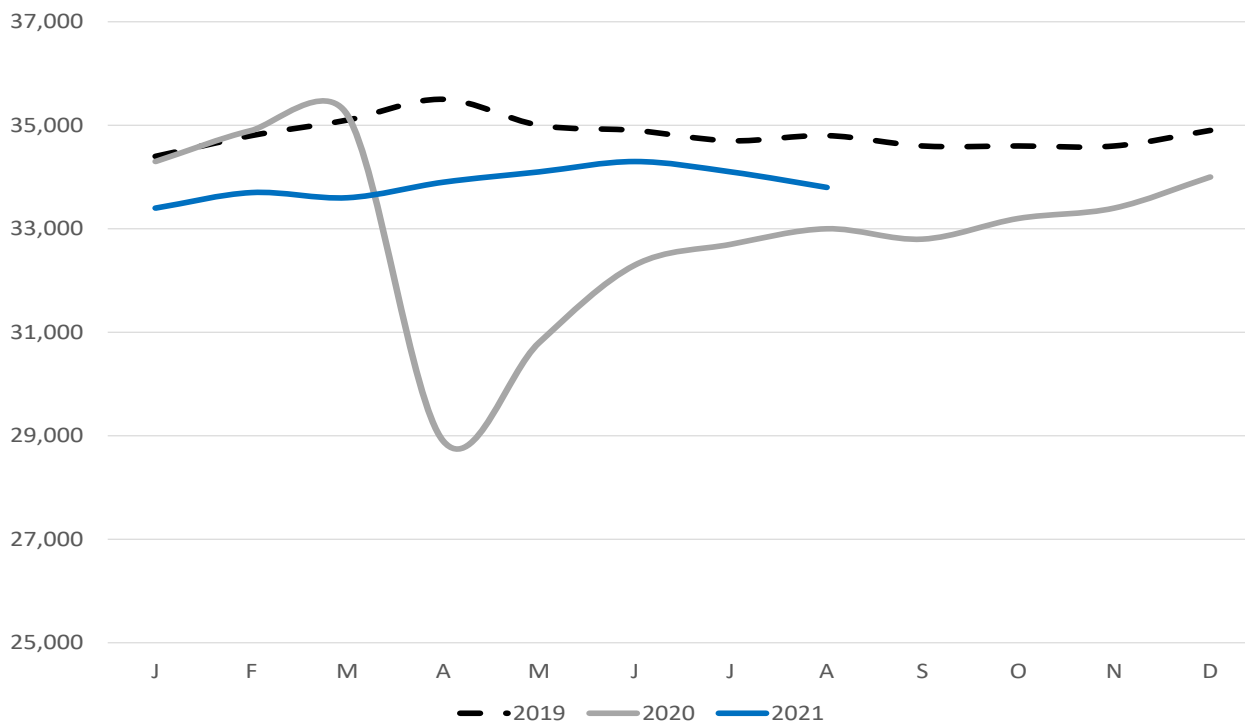
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	38.4	38.8	37.5	-0.4	0.9
Goods Producing	4.6	4.7	4.5	-0.1	0.1
Service Providing	33.8	34.1	33.0	-0.3	0.8
Government	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	-0.2

**Jobs in Service Providing Industries**

January 2019 - August 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Jonesboro MSA**

The Jonesboro MSA = Craighead & Poinsett counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	66,353	67,211	65,316	-858	1,037
Employment	64,215	64,621	61,547	-406	2,668
Unemployment	2,138	2,590	3,769	-452	-1,631
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.9	5.8	-0.7	-2.6

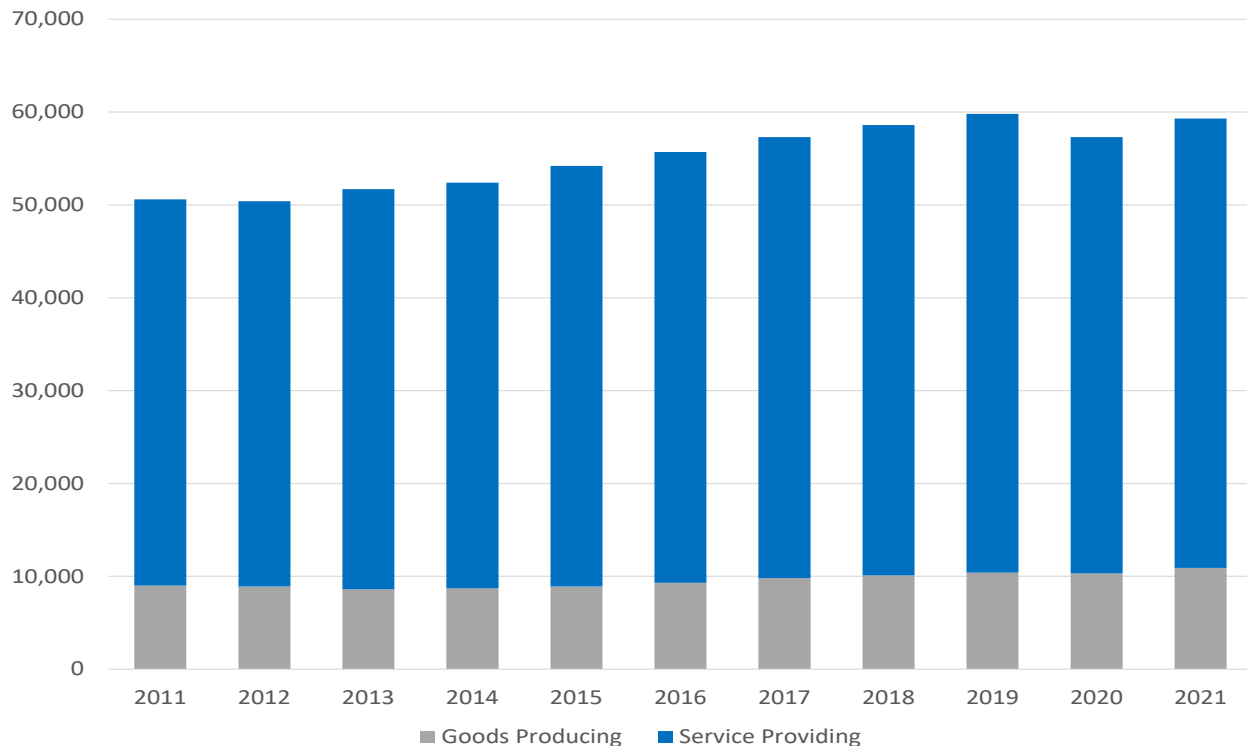
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Total Nonfarm	59.3	59.0	57.3	0.3	2.0
Goods Producing	10.9	10.8	10.3	0.1	0.6
Service Providing	48.4	48.2	47.0	0.2	1.4
Government	7.7	7.7	8.1	0.0	-0.4

**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Goods Producing + Service Providing)**

August: 2011 - 2021



**Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
Pine Bluff MSA**

The Pine Bluff MSA = Cleveland, Jefferson, & Lincoln counties.

**Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Civilian Labor Force	34,381	34,727	34,421	-346	-40
Employment	32,435	32,390	31,641	45	794
Unemployment	1,946	2,337	2,780	-391	-834
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.7	8.1	-1.0	-2.4

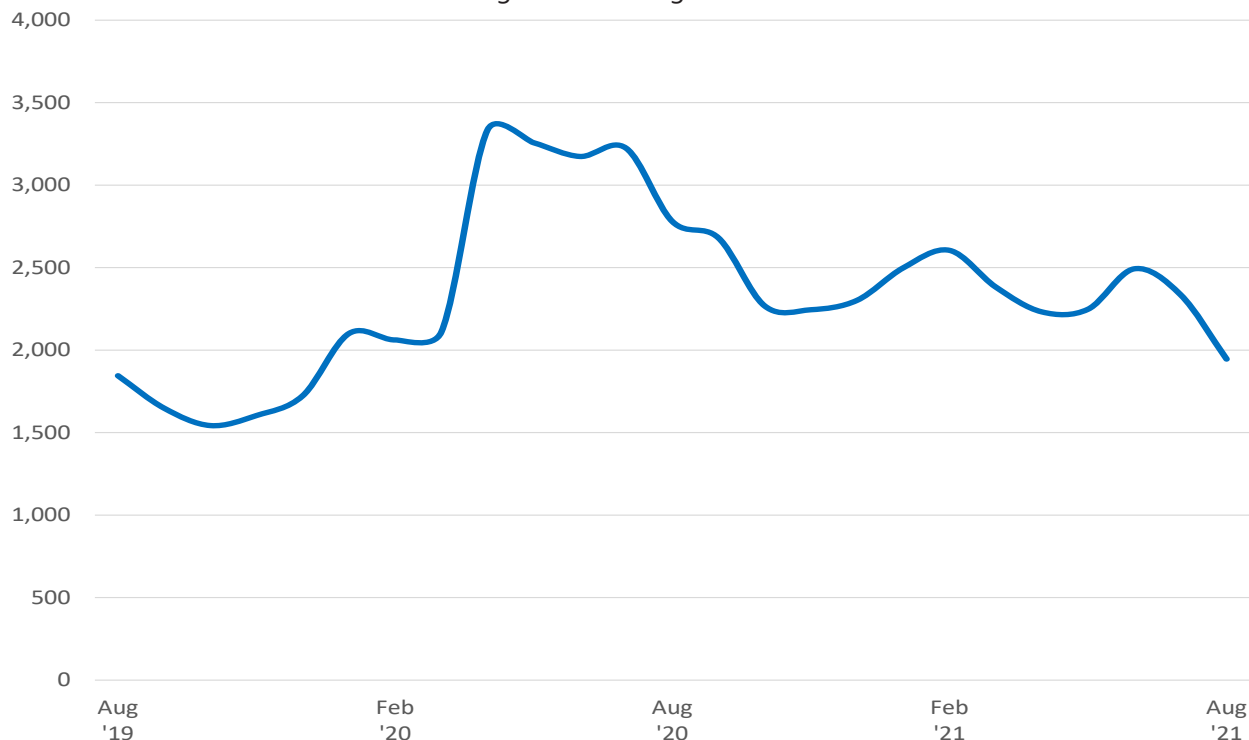
**Nonfarm Payroll Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

(In Thousands)

<b>NAICS</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Jul 21</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>OTM</b>	<b>QTY</b>
Total Nonfarm	31.6	31.2	31.1	0.4	0.5
Goods Producing	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-0.1
Service Providing	26.0	25.6	25.4	0.4	0.6
Government	8.5	8.3	8.6	0.2	-0.1

**Number of Unemployed**

August 2019 - August 2021



## Metropolitan Statistical Areas Out-of-State MSA

### Civilian Labor Force Estimates (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

#### Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA

The Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA = Fayette, Shelby, & Tipton counties in Tennessee; Benton, Desoto, Marshall, Tate, & Tunica counties in Mississippi; & Crittenden County in Arkansas.

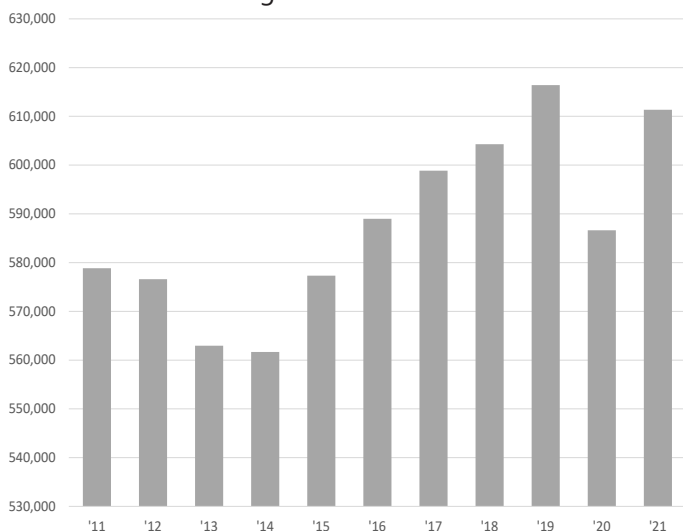
	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	651,099	662,461	658,410	-11,362	-7,311
Employment	611,342	616,637	586,640	-5,295	24,702
Unemployment	39,757	45,824	71,770	-6,067	-32,013
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.9	10.9	-0.8	-4.8

#### Texarkana MSA

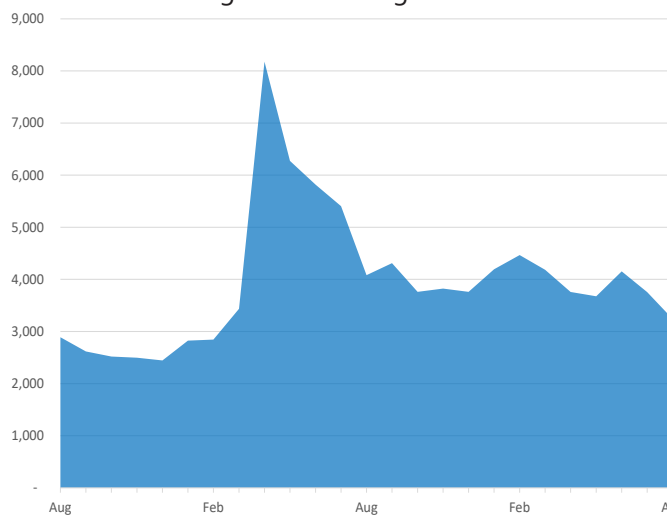
The Texarkana MSA= Bowie County in Texas & Little River & Miller counties in Arkansas.

	<u>Aug 21</u>	<u>Jul 21</u>	<u>Aug 20</u>	<u>OTM</u>	<u>OTY</u>
Civilian Labor Force	63,073	63,867	63,855	-794	-782
Employment	59,832	60,110	59,774	-278	58
Unemployment	3,241	3,757	4,081	-516	-840
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.9	6.4	-0.8	-1.3

**Memphis MSA - Employment**  
August: 2011 - 2021



**Texarkana MSA - Number of Unemployed**  
August 2019 - August 2021



## Micropolitan Statistical Areas and Cities Civilian Labor Force Estimates

### Micropolitan Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Micro Area	August 2021				July 2021				August 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkadelphia Micro	8,881	8,457	424	4.8	8,740	8,212	528	6.0	9,224	8,692	532	5.8
Batesville Micro	16,298	15,656	642	3.9	16,431	15,640	791	4.8	16,166	15,307	859	5.3
Blytheville Micro	16,572	15,450	1,122	6.8	16,804	15,262	1,542	9.2	17,068	15,470	1,598	9.4
Camden Micro	12,163	11,719	444	3.7	12,135	11,609	526	4.3	12,088	11,424	664	5.5
El Dorado Micro	15,351	14,443	908	5.9	15,295	14,200	1,095	7.2	15,478	14,148	1,330	8.6
Forrest City Micro	7,838	7,394	444	5.7	7,797	7,246	551	7.1	8,030	7,378	652	8.1
Harrison Micro	18,747	18,216	531	2.8	18,602	17,936	666	3.6	18,669	17,757	912	4.9
Helena-West Helena Micro	6,039	5,618	421	7.0	5,929	5,416	513	8.7	6,419	5,856	563	8.8
Hope Micro	12,651	12,191	460	3.6	12,687	12,121	566	4.5	12,857	12,152	705	5.5
Magnolia Micro	8,733	8,283	450	5.2	8,539	7,976	563	6.6	8,880	8,235	645	7.3
Malvern Micro	13,988	13,475	513	3.7	14,136	13,494	642	4.5	14,119	13,272	847	6.0
Mountain Home Micro	16,397	15,826	571	3.5	16,431	15,735	696	4.2	16,595	15,697	898	5.4
Paragould Micro	19,274	18,651	623	3.2	19,425	18,633	792	4.1	19,224	18,116	1,108	5.8
Russellville Micro	35,048	33,655	1,393	4.0	34,955	33,186	1,769	5.1	34,945	32,973	1,972	5.6
Searcy Micro	33,825	32,537	1,288	3.8	33,299	31,737	1,562	4.7	33,825	31,823	2,002	5.9

Arkadelphia Micro = Clark County

Batesville Micro = Independence County

Blytheville Micro = Mississippi County

Camden Micro = Calhoun & Ouachita counties

El Dorado Micro = Union County

Forrest City Micro = St. Francis County

Harrison Micro = Boone & Newton counties

Helena-West Helena Micro = Phillips County

Hope Micro = Hempstead & Nevada counties

Magnolia Micro = Columbia County

Malvern Micro = Hot Spring County

Mountain Home Micro = Baxter County

Paragould Micro = Greene County

Russellville Micro = Pope & Yell counties

Searcy Micro = White County

### City Labor Force Statistics

Not Seasonally Adjusted

City	August 2021				July 2021				August 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Bella Vista	12,706	12,319	387	3.0	12,855	12,370	485	3.8	12,192	11,504	688	5.6
Benton	17,276	16,768	508	2.9	17,665	17,033	632	3.6	17,273	16,332	941	5.4
Bentonville	29,983	29,297	686	2.3	30,293	29,418	875	2.9	28,554	27,359	1,195	4.2
Blytheville	5,581	5,189	392	7.0	5,780	5,126	654	11.3	5,914	5,196	718	12.1
Cabot	11,869	11,491	378	3.2	12,055	11,622	433	3.6	11,733	11,137	596	5.1
Conway	33,962	32,752	1,210	3.6	34,693	33,240	1,453	4.2	33,568	31,849	1,719	5.1
El Dorado	6,674	6,230	444	6.7	6,699	6,125	574	8.6	6,858	6,102	756	11.0
Fayetteville	50,509	48,990	1,519	3.0	51,111	49,207	1,904	3.7	48,558	45,736	2,822	5.8
Fort Smith	38,824	37,488	1,336	3.4	39,286	37,732	1,554	4.0	38,819	36,481	2,338	6.0
Hot Springs	15,524	14,642	882	5.7	16,028	14,975	1,053	6.6	15,821	14,198	1,623	10.3
Jacksonville	11,542	10,879	663	5.7	11,871	11,051	820	6.9	11,857	10,599	1,258	10.6
Jonesboro	39,734	38,394	1,340	3.4	40,301	38,680	1,621	4.0	39,288	36,847	2,441	6.2
Little Rock	96,287	91,452	4,835	5.0	98,501	92,895	5,606	5.7	97,736	89,101	8,635	8.8
North Little Rock	29,592	28,042	1,550	5.2	30,378	28,484	1,894	6.2	30,468	27,321	3,147	10.3
Paragould	12,248	11,815	433	3.5	12,354	11,803	551	4.5	12,314	11,476	838	6.8
Pine Bluff	16,330	15,116	1,214	7.4	16,543	15,118	1,425	8.6	16,517	14,792	1,725	10.4
Rogers	37,634	36,673	961	2.6	37,885	36,825	1,060	2.8	35,904	34,247	1,657	4.6
Russellville	12,491	12,003	488	3.9	12,428	11,856	572	4.6	12,442	11,793	649	5.2
Searcy	10,268	9,871	397	3.9	10,081	9,629	452	4.5	10,175	9,655	520	5.1
Sherwood	15,831	15,286	545	3.4	16,220	15,527	693	4.3	15,935	14,893	1,042	6.5
Springdale	41,144	40,017	1,127	2.7	41,521	40,193	1,328	3.2	39,288	37,359	1,929	4.9
Texarkana, AR	13,249	12,565	684	5.2	13,604	12,779	825	6.1	13,376	12,350	1,026	7.7
Van Buren	10,306	9,987	319	3.1	10,413	10,034	379	3.6	10,287	9,700	587	5.7
West Memphis	10,582	9,963	619	5.8	10,844	10,051	793	7.3	10,615	9,414	1,201	11.3



### County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	August 2021				July 2021				August 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Arkansas	9,800	9,484	316	3.2	9,750	9,380	370	3.8	9,400	9,024	376	4.0
Ashley	6,847	6,368	479	7.0	6,850	6,247	603	8.8	7,261	6,595	666	9.2
Baxter	16,397	15,826	571	3.5	16,431	15,735	696	4.2	16,595	15,697	898	5.4
Benton	145,344	141,577	3,767	2.6	146,685	142,163	4,522	3.1	138,652	132,212	6,440	4.6
Boone	15,501	15,057	444	2.9	15,383	14,833	550	3.6	15,482	14,705	777	5.0
Bradley	4,099	3,909	190	4.6	4,064	3,831	233	5.7	4,228	4,001	227	5.4
Calhoun	2,442	2,365	77	3.2	2,417	2,330	87	3.6	2,398	2,286	112	4.7
Carroll	13,337	12,960	377	2.8	13,077	12,607	470	3.6	13,155	12,441	714	5.4
Chicot	3,261	2,999	262	8.0	3,211	2,907	304	9.5	3,253	2,925	328	10.1
Clark	8,881	8,457	424	4.8	8,740	8,212	528	6.0	9,224	8,692	532	5.8
Clay	5,543	5,351	192	3.5	5,427	5,181	246	4.5	5,555	5,254	301	5.4
Cleburne	9,083	8,706	377	4.2	9,144	8,695	449	4.9	9,141	8,516	625	6.8
Cleveland	3,225	3,109	116	3.6	3,230	3,088	142	4.4	3,193	3,002	191	6.0
Columbia	8,733	8,283	450	5.2	8,539	7,976	563	6.6	8,880	8,235	645	7.3
Conway	8,342	8,020	322	3.9	8,359	7,961	398	4.8	8,390	7,934	456	5.4
Craighead	56,218	54,438	1,780	3.2	57,001	54,843	2,158	3.8	55,453	52,244	3,209	5.8
Crawford	26,515	25,636	879	3.3	26,816	25,756	1,060	4.0	26,308	24,899	1,409	5.4
Crittenden	21,417	20,357	1,060	4.9	21,914	20,536	1,378	6.3	21,230	19,234	1,996	9.4
Cross	7,190	6,899	291	4.0	6,942	6,584	358	5.2	7,309	6,864	445	6.1
Dallas	2,857	2,740	117	4.1	2,857	2,715	142	5.0	2,866	2,726	140	4.9
Desh	5,158	4,859	299	5.8	5,009	4,646	363	7.2	5,278	4,866	412	7.8
Drew	7,580	7,210	370	4.9	7,449	7,005	444	6.0	7,646	7,144	502	6.6
Faulkner	61,512	59,466	2,046	3.3	62,853	60,352	2,501	4.0	61,015	57,827	3,188	5.2
Franklin	7,463	7,205	258	3.5	7,347	7,022	325	4.4	7,464	7,067	397	5.3
Fulton	4,843	4,673	170	3.5	4,906	4,696	210	4.3	4,724	4,491	233	4.9
Garland	41,406	39,552	1,854	4.5	42,768	40,452	2,316	5.4	41,997	38,353	3,644	8.7
Grant	8,209	7,957	252	3.1	8,346	8,044	302	3.6	8,139	7,724	415	5.1
Greene	19,274	18,651	623	3.2	19,425	18,633	792	4.1	19,224	18,116	1,108	5.8
Hempstead	9,257	8,933	324	3.5	9,263	8,872	391	4.2	9,374	8,891	483	5.2
Hot Spring	13,988	13,475	513	3.7	14,136	13,494	642	4.5	14,119	13,272	847	6.0
Howard	5,635	5,466	169	3.0	5,570	5,354	216	3.9	5,571	5,282	289	5.2
Independence	16,298	15,656	642	3.9	16,431	15,640	791	4.8	16,166	15,307	859	5.3
Izard	4,548	4,324	224	4.9	4,358	4,087	271	6.2	4,647	4,273	374	8.0
Jackson	5,785	5,508	277	4.8	5,651	5,319	332	5.9	5,890	5,493	397	6.7
Jefferson	27,243	25,582	1,661	6.1	27,580	25,585	1,995	7.2	27,394	25,034	2,360	8.6
Johnson	9,531	9,058	473	5.0	9,581	8,987	594	6.2	9,742	9,154	588	6.0
Lafayette	2,362	2,237	125	5.3	2,336	2,181	155	6.6	2,409	2,217	192	8.0
Lawrence	6,690	6,415	275	4.1	6,519	6,161	358	5.5	6,615	6,186	429	6.5
Lee	2,743	2,600	143	5.2	2,690	2,531	159	5.9	2,869	2,652	217	7.6
Lincoln	3,913	3,744	169	4.3	3,917	3,717	200	5.1	3,834	3,605	229	6.0
Little River	5,308	5,091	217	4.1	5,444	5,176	268	4.9	5,362	5,020	342	6.4
Logan	8,693	8,363	330	3.8	8,550	8,142	408	4.8	8,776	8,246	530	6.0
Lonoke	33,498	32,443	1,055	3.1	34,099	32,815	1,284	3.8	33,345	31,444	1,901	5.7
Madison	7,896	7,673	223	2.8	7,908	7,629	279	3.5	7,378	7,084	294	4.0
Marion	6,181	5,944	237	3.8	6,235	5,937	298	4.8	6,149	5,774	375	6.1
Miller	19,211	18,337	874	4.5	19,750	18,650	1,100	5.6	19,306	18,024	1,282	6.6

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## County Labor Force Statistics Civilian Labor Force Estimates

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Not Seasonally Adjusted

County	August 2021				July 2021				August 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Mississippi	16,572	15,450	1,122	6.8	16,804	15,262	1,542	9.2	17,068	15,470	1,598	9.4
Monroe	2,707	2,576	131	4.8	2,651	2,487	164	6.2	2,740	2,549	191	7.0
Montgomery	3,130	2,996	134	4.3	3,082	2,923	159	5.2	3,044	2,846	198	6.5
Nevada	3,394	3,258	136	4.0	3,424	3,249	175	5.1	3,483	3,261	222	6.4
Newton	3,246	3,159	87	2.7	3,219	3,103	116	3.6	3,187	3,052	135	4.2
Ouachita	9,721	9,354	367	3.8	9,718	9,279	439	4.5	9,690	9,138	552	5.7
Perry	4,242	4,074	168	4.0	4,317	4,121	196	4.5	4,151	3,936	215	5.2
Phillips	6,039	5,618	421	7.0	5,929	5,416	513	8.7	6,419	5,856	563	8.8
Pike	4,481	4,302	179	4.0	4,315	4,111	204	4.7	4,348	4,106	242	5.6
Poinsett	10,135	9,777	358	3.5	10,210	9,778	432	4.2	9,863	9,303	560	5.7
Polk	8,009	7,682	327	4.1	7,821	7,402	419	5.4	8,075	7,560	515	6.4
Pope	27,067	25,978	1,089	4.0	27,055	25,660	1,395	5.2	27,105	25,524	1,581	5.8
Prairie	3,679	3,563	116	3.2	3,559	3,418	141	4.0	3,619	3,439	180	5.0
Pulaski	186,642	177,821	8,821	4.7	191,180	180,626	10,554	5.5	189,556	173,249	16,307	8.6
Randolph	7,524	7,247	277	3.7	7,464	7,122	342	4.6	7,429	6,988	441	5.9
St. Francis	7,838	7,394	444	5.7	7,797	7,246	551	7.1	8,030	7,378	652	8.1
Saline	57,933	56,201	1,732	3.0	59,156	57,088	2,068	3.5	57,716	54,739	2,977	5.2
Scott	4,304	4,168	136	3.2	4,249	4,080	169	4.0	4,283	4,099	184	4.3
Searcy	3,046	2,919	127	4.2	2,933	2,781	152	5.2	3,006	2,837	169	5.6
Sebastian	55,955	54,026	1,929	3.4	56,653	54,377	2,276	4.0	55,865	52,574	3,291	5.9
Sevier	5,579	5,346	233	4.2	5,547	5,264	283	5.1	5,543	5,236	307	5.5
Sharp	5,579	5,306	273	4.9	5,646	5,321	325	5.8	5,588	5,214	374	6.7
Stone	4,873	4,671	202	4.1	4,747	4,490	257	5.4	4,779	4,475	304	6.4
Union	15,351	14,443	908	5.9	15,295	14,200	1,095	7.2	15,478	14,148	1,330	8.6
Van Buren	5,903	5,645	258	4.4	5,874	5,564	310	5.3	5,766	5,398	368	6.4
Washington	130,973	127,452	3,521	2.7	132,385	128,016	4,369	3.3	125,220	118,985	6,235	5.0
White	33,825	32,537	1,288	3.8	33,299	31,737	1,562	4.7	33,825	31,823	2,002	5.9
Woodruff	2,871	2,740	131	4.6	2,736	2,571	165	6.0	2,780	2,626	154	5.5
Yell	7,981	7,677	304	3.8	7,900	7,526	374	4.7	7,840	7,449	391	5.0

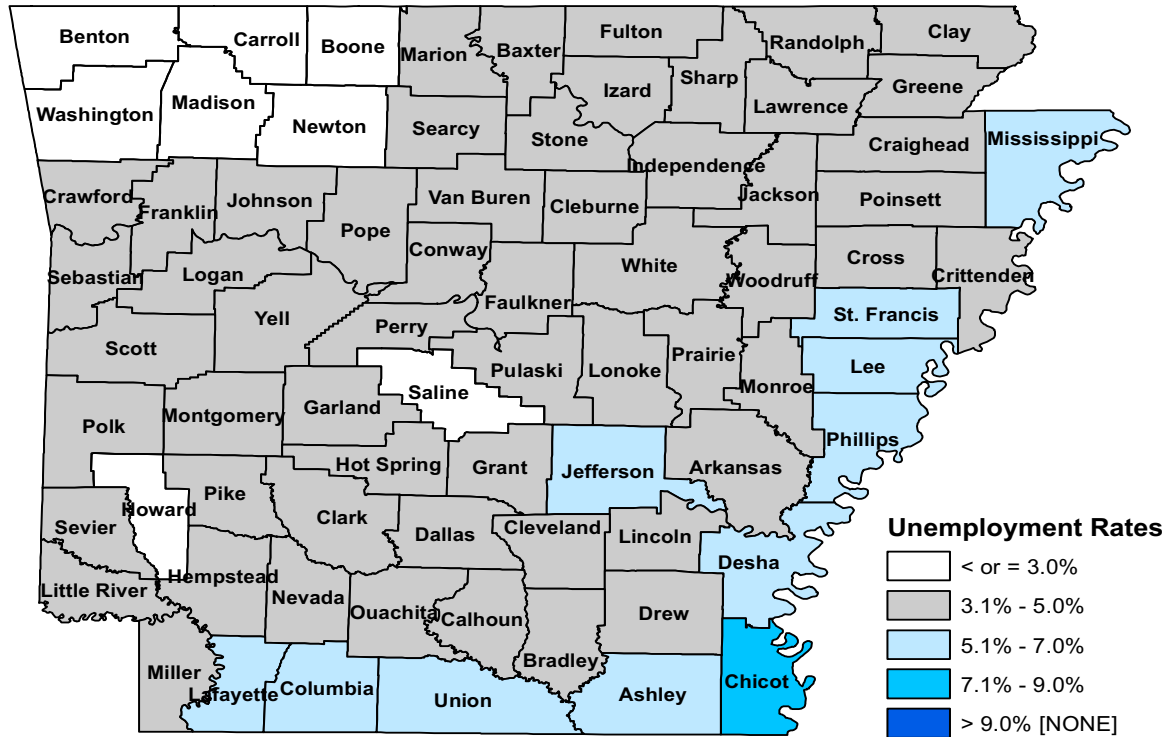
## County Labor Force Summary

Between July and August, unemployment rates decreased in all 75 Arkansas counties. Jobless rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Benton County to a high of 8.0 percent in Chicot County. Over-the-month rate declines ranged from as much as a two and four-tenths of a percentage point drop in Mississippi County to a four-tenths of a percentage point decrease in Chicot County.

In August, three counties posted unemployment rates at or above seven percent. That is down from eight counties at or above seven percent last month. Forty counties had jobless rates at or below four percent, up significantly from eighteen counties at or below four percent in July.

Compared to August 2020, unemployment rates are down in all 75 Arkansas counties. Crittenden County posted the largest jobless rate decrease, down four and five-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

### County Unemployment Rates



### Ranked by Unemployment Rates

August 2021 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate
1	Benton	2.6	26	Cleveland	3.6	51	Van Buren	4.4
2	Newton	2.7	27	Hot Spring	3.7	52	Garland	4.5
2	Washington	2.7	27	Randolph	3.7	52	Miller	4.5
4	Carroll	2.8	29	Logan	3.8	54	Bradley	4.6
4	Madison	2.8	29	Marion	3.8	54	Woodruff	4.6
6	Boone	2.9	29	Ouachita	3.8	56	Pulaski	4.7
7	Howard	3.0	29	White	3.8	57	Clark	4.8
7	Saline	3.0	29	Yell	3.8	57	Jackson	4.8
9	Grant	3.1	34	Conway	3.9	57	Monroe	4.8
9	Lonoke	3.1	34	Independence	3.9	60	Crittenden	4.9
11	Arkansas	3.2	36	Cross	4.0	60	Drew	4.9
11	Calhoun	3.2	36	Nevada	4.0	60	Izard	4.9
11	Craighead	3.2	36	Perry	4.0	60	Sharp	4.9
11	Greene	3.2	36	Pike	4.0	64	Johnson	5.0
11	Prairie	3.2	36	Pope	4.0	65	Columbia	5.2
11	Scott	3.2	41	Dallas	4.1	65	Lee	5.2
17	Crawford	3.3	41	Lawrence	4.1	67	Lafayette	5.3
17	Faulkner	3.3	41	Little River	4.1	68	St. Francis	5.7
19	Sebastian	3.4	41	Polk	4.1	69	Desha	5.8
20	Baxter	3.5	41	Stone	4.1	70	Union	5.9
20	Clay	3.5	46	Cleburne	4.2	71	Jefferson	6.1
20	Franklin	3.5	46	Searcy	4.2	72	Mississippi	6.8
20	Fulton	3.5	46	Sevier	4.2	73	Ashley	7.0
20	Hempstead	3.5	49	Lincoln	4.3	73	Phillips	7.0
20	Poinsett	3.5	49	Montgomery	4.3	75	Chicot	8.0

## Local Workforce Development Areas Civilian Labor Force Estimates

Not Seasonally Adjusted

LWDA	August 2021				July 2021				August 2020			
	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate	CLF	Emp	Unemp	Rate
Central (minus LR)	249,684	240,618	9,066	3.6	254,997	243,891	11,106	4.4	250,255	234,146	16,109	6.4
City of Little Rock	96,287	91,452	4,835	5.0	98,501	92,895	5,606	5.7	97,736	89,101	8,635	8.8
Eastern	45,227	42,868	2,359	5.2	45,272	42,313	2,959	6.5	45,857	41,984	3,873	8.4
North Central	93,608	89,766	3,842	4.1	92,792	88,120	4,672	5.0	93,306	87,616	5,690	6.1
Northeast	121,956	117,329	4,627	3.8	122,850	116,980	5,870	4.8	121,207	113,561	7,646	6.3
Northwest	341,921	332,567	9,354	2.7	344,256	332,804	11,452	3.3	328,824	312,787	16,037	4.9
Southeast	79,335	75,221	4,114	5.2	79,406	74,450	4,956	6.2	79,626	73,920	5,706	7.2
Southwest	89,850	85,853	3,997	4.4	90,160	85,246	4,914	5.5	90,360	84,464	5,896	6.5
West Central	129,049	123,589	5,460	4.2	130,253	123,447	6,806	5.2	129,960	121,266	8,694	6.7
Western	110,939	107,080	3,859	3.5	111,436	106,779	4,657	4.2	110,771	104,445	6,326	5.7

